

Bill 59 (2019), CD1, FD1 Testimony

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Registration/Testimony

Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

As a citizen of Hawaii State and a human being it is our responsibility to care for the animals who are innocent creatures. They should not be penalized for our actions and choices. People are to blame for what many view as a problem of over population, irresponsible breeding, and the inability or lack of desire to make their pets part of their family permanently. Programs, like TNR work if able to be done consistently. There are other programs and groups of caring people in the community which can be utilized and expanded upon to achieve the most humane outcome. Many other communities have achieved 100% no kill and that is what we need to do, we can learn from their successes. Animal cruelty is now illegal in a federal level and there is nothing more cruel than killing just because they exist. Rather than kill these wonderful animals partner with the shelters and invest in a our society being one of aloha rather than of destruction of innocence. Anyone with a soul would vote against this proposed bill. There is a much better way and we simply must do the right thing. Mahalo

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Written Testimony

Hawai'i has so many military and transplants from other states. Not everyone know or remembers to update their dogs microchips, or a microchip can shift in an animals body making it hard or even impossible to read over the years. Lowering the amount of time an animal is held a HHS will make it harder for owners to find their pets. Their kill rate is already too high, and too many adoptable pets get euthanized before being even given a chance at finding their families.

We should be looking at ways to reduce the euthanasia rate in this state, not pass a law that will only increase it!

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Agenda Item Bill 59, CD2
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Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony In strong support of Bill 59, CD2 I ask that you please allow the Hawaiian Humane Society to provide the necessary care for abandoned animals as quickly as possible. All animals are just so innocent and rely on humans to provide them with the best care possible without having to wait for help. Thank you.

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Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	HHS continues to lie to lawmakers and the public as they support monies for their euthanasia quota. Shortening time for animals will INCREASE euthanasia. Pls do not be fooled by this rich and corrupt organization. Pets can't vote, but their owners will vote for lawmakers who protect them.
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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Bill 59 CD2 proposed
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

We would like to make a submission on the proposed CD2 of Bill 59, due to be heard by the Committee on Parks, Community Services and Intergovernmental Affairs on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 9 a.m.

We have followed this important issue over the past year, thanks to information provided to us by your excellent Hawai'ian Humane Society, and understand that this modernisation of your City animal ordinance will save lives by allowing their staff to meet the needs of abandoned animals more quickly, and it will encourage pet owners to keep their animals safe.

We over here in Britain, and indeed, we understand, many people in your community, are unaware that the care the HHS can provide during the minimum hold period is limited because they are not yet the animals' legal owner.

Bill 59 will allow them to help animals more quickly.

We beg to support Bill 59 CD2 proposed.

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Agenda Item bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

I'd like to oppose this bill to shorten the time frame as to when an owner is able claim their pets from lost and found in the Humane Society to five days. I feel it is already too short and also, if the pet does indeed have a microchip, they are only allowed 48 hours to claim. This should be lengthened as well. A lot of people do not update their information or could be away and not able to claim their pets. If a pet is not microchipped or has ID, they get a longer time to be claimed than one that has an owner that tried to do the right thing! It doesn't make sense. Adequate time should be given for owners to claim their pets before they're euthanized or put up for adoption.

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Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

With the recent concerns regarding the needless euthanasia of animals at the Hawaiian Humane Society, Bill No. 59 only adds to the inhumane and insensitive treatment of animals once again! How can the community that you represent have trust in a system that allows for a loophole for the Hawaiian Humane Society to act INHUMANELY! Please vote NO on Bill No. 59 so that lost pets have a fighting chance to be reunited with their owners!

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Agenda Item Bill 59
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Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony It is ridiculous to shorten the hold time on lost pets! The Humane Society of Hawai'i should change their name to Money Hungry Monsters. How can you claim a lost pet so quickly if you are on vacation, vm not set up or full, wrong #, or wrong address? Why is the HHS striving to kill more animals instead of truly caring for them & saving them. It is shameful! They really need to change their name to Pilau Society. Money shouldn't be the deciding factor when caring for lost pets. Please do not pass Bill 59. I care & I vote.

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Agenda Item 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

I oppose this bill because it will cause more animal deaths. Limiting the time in which an owner can pick up a dog is unnecessary. For those who live in outlying areas it can be very difficult to get there within the 5 day limit Especially if mail is the source for notification. They may not get the letter in time. In my area mail is frequently put in the wrong boxes, and people are hunting it down.

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Council/PH Committee PublicSafety
Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony NO to bill 59. The Humane Society should not be allowed to kill animals with or without I.D. at all, but shortening the time before they murder pets is neither humane nor in the interest of the community. We should be voting on eliminating this Kill Shelter and replace with no kill, neuter and release facilities. Shame on Hawaii legislature for supporting this practice, when states and countries around the globe are protecting animals from organizations like this. Our state should do better...be BEST!

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Agenda Item Bill59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

As a military spouse who spends my time fostering and ensuring cats and dogs alike are spayed and neutered and those in my trr if they happen to be picked up and I am out of town for any reason I find it appalling that you are now looking to even lessen the days to make a choice to kill an innocent animal who's choice it was not to be on the street! Living in military housing I see to often where animals are dumped and their microchip information is deleted or changed once their owner leaves the island..they go from indoor pets to having to figure out how to survive on the streets and yet we are punishing the animal and not the human to whom did this to them!!! It's disgusting! No animal should be killed bc a human makes a choice to not answer the phone or is unaware or unable to respond at the time the humane society calls! Emergencies happen all the time and there is more that should be done to ensure each animal is given a fair and equal treatment to preserve its life just as if it were a human life! They are just as an important! They have no voice so we must speak for them!

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Council/PH Committee	Parks
Agenda Item	Bill 59
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	Please don't allow HHS to hastily euthanize animals so quickly.
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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

Giving pet parents less time to claim their lost pets is not at all best for the animal. Living in a state where so many people take trips to the mainland we should actually be giving these animals a better chance by giving pet parents longer to claim them. There are too many mitigating circumstances that make 5 days not nearly enough time for pet parents to be contacted by HHS. This bill is being put forth for the purpose of saving HHS time and money and not for the protection of animals or the parents that care for them. HHS already has an unusually high euthanasia rate and should be taking the time to look for ways to fix the problems they already have without using euthanasia as an easy out.

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Aloha,

The Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) is a high kill shelter that euthanizes 7 out of 10 animals. Bill 59 allows animals to be killed sooner than later.

There is not enough time for owners to find their pets at the HHS. We are currently missing a pet and have limited transportation to visit the HHS in person, We are praying and hoping their website is current—and all animals intake have photos posted online—BUT, HHS website does not have photos for all the animals it takes in, thus, we are worried we won't have enough time to retrieve our pet should she be turned into the HHS. please check for yourself, allot of posts do not have pictures of the animal.

Written
Testimony

Our pets deserve a second chance at life. Its disingenuous for HHS to suggest to lawmakers and the public that they are just trying to do better for the animals when they have one of the highest euthanasia rates in the nation! Reducing the holding time is ONLY a best practice if the shelter has a low euthanasia rate. HHS does NOT!

Say "NO" to Bill 59! Say "YES" to giving pets a second chance at life.

Don't let our tax dollars continue to pay for the killing of our pets.

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Agenda Item BILL 59, FD1, CD2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

I support this bill as it would for one decrease the hold times for those animals who need critical care and still have enough time for an owner to collect their missing pet.

Being kept in a cage, crate or kennel is not ideal for any pet, especially one in a foreign environment.

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Agenda Item	BILL 59, FD1, CD2
Your position on the matter	Support
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	Please pass bill 59. All parts are well thought out and will benefit animals in stressful situations.
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Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Organization
Organization Hawaiian Humane Society
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I strongly support Bill 59. Passage of this bill will help save animal lives, allowing more stray pets to be reunited quickly, and to receive the care they need. Mandatory microchipping for dogs and cats is the best way to reunite pets with their families. Thank you for your consideration.

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Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

I am OPPOSED to Bill 59.

When I was a volunteer at Hawaiian Humane Society in 2019 I was appalled at what took place behind the scenes. I was a volunteer for a few months, because I had too. Upon my days volunteering I saw dogs who were behind the wooden fence on Stray holds where the public wasn't allow to see.

One day while I was there a beautiful blue pitbull was in the off limits area where the public could not see him. Today, was his third day being at the shelter. My duties on this day were to do morning feedings and then laundry. This pitty was shy, but never once did it bite or made me feel uncomfortable. It did have some conjunctivitis, but was happy to get some attention. I remember this day all too well, because this is the day for his behavior evaluation to see if he's adoptable. Well, this dog didn't even have a chance. Vet Tech, Brenda came walking down with her leash and headed for the back kennels. I watched from a distance while I folded laundry in the back. She returned with the pitbull that I fed breakfast to, she walked passed me, and entered through a side door. I was wondering where she was taking him. It wasn't anywhere near the behavior assessment room. I ran around to the other side of the corridor and watched through a window and saw her enter through a secluded door. I was curious to see what that door was all about, maybe it was an exam room. It had a sign on it. It read personnel only euthanizing room. I was sad and I was crying. Why? Why was this dog euthanized? There was nothing wrong with this dog. It was shy, had some conjunctivitis and was happy to have someone giving him attention with pats on the head.

On another occasion, I was stuck back at Laundry again. Great place to be if you want to see what animals come in and what animals get chosen to be euthanized that day. Actually, it's the saddest part for a volunteer to see. On this day, I saw a chubby short stubby pittie sitting in a wire crate in the walkway of the stray runs. The dog looked very familiar to me. I'm a big Facebook fan of animal pages. It came to me, that this dog sitting in a wire crate was a lost dog that an owner had posted on facebook for help. I was confused because it had a huge yellow tag on the outside of its cage that said "Finders Wants". I knew what that meant. It means, if an owner doesn't show up after the hold then the person who found the dog will get first rights to adoption. That evening I was searching Facebook to find that post that the owner had posted. I was positive that was the same dog. I checked Hawaiian Humane Society website to see if the dog was posted on the HHS Stray site, it was not. That's weird, every stray dog that comes into the shelter should be posted, so owners can be reunited. Nope, she wasn't listed. I took things into my own hands and sent a personal message to the owners and told them they needed to come to HHS and request to walk in the back to see the stray runs. I told them their dog is there. They were perplexed because HHS told her she wasn't there. Anyway, that afternoon the owners came to the shelter and sure enough it was their dog. Changing the 9 day hold to a 5 day holds only allows HHS to euthanize more quickly. It allows animals to become property of HHS, so they take over ownership of the animal and then they can decide their fate. Please oppose Bill 59 for the animals of Hawaii. Animals need time and so do owners to claim their animals.

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Chair Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Vice Chair Ann Kobayashi and Members of the
Committee on Parks, Community Services and Intergovernmental Affairs
Testimony in support of Bill 59, CD2 Proposed, Relating to Animals
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020
9 a.m., Committee Meeting Room

I am writing in strong support of Bill 59, CD2 proposed, Relating to Animals, which would shorten Oahu's minimum hold time for stray animals with identification to five days from nine days.

The time an animal spends within a shelter, referred to as the length of stay (LOS), is widely recognized as a critical factor in shelter animal health and wellbeing. In addition, LOS has a direct impact upon shelter management decisions and costs. As average length of stay increases, it negatively impacts a shelter's ability to save lives.

As described in my previous testimony on this measure, the growing body of evidence that a longer LOS leads to an increased risk of disease informs a nationwide trend toward shorter mandatory minimum hold times, which now average three to five days. Despite any mandatory hold time, the Hawaiian Humane Society can and does extend holding time if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the animal and/or owner. This practice will not change as a result of this bill.

The goal of Bill 59, CD2 proposed, is to reduce euthanasia by allowing animals to be evaluated for adoption after five days, which all available data shows is ample time for an owner to reclaim their lost pet. This frees up shelter space and other resources for more animals in need.

To put it in mathematical terms, LOS directly impacts how many animals a shelter can intake over that time period. The number of animals that can be housed at any given time is limited by the physical capacity of the shelter. So if the LOS, or minimum hold time, is increased, intake would have to decrease or cage space would run out. Given that the Hawaiian Humane Society is the only Oahu animal shelter that has committed to accepting all animals regardless of condition, age or species, limiting intake would violate a core value of the organization. If, however, LOS decreases, intake numbers and the quality of care provided to each animal have room to grow.

Not only is shortening the LOS better for the health of individual animals, it also leads to a healthier shelter overall and allows the shelter to have resources to develop more robust programs in the community to keep pets out of the shelter.

I urge you to pass Bill 59, CD2. Thank you for allowing me to testify on this important measure.

Dr. Julie Dinnage, DVM

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Council/PH Committee Parks

Agenda Item 59

Your position on the
matter Oppose

Representing
Organization Self

Do you wish to speak at
the hearing? No

Written Testimony

I strongly oppose any shorter holding times which would only lead to quicker
unwarranted deaths of animals.
HHS needs a complete independent audit of both their processes & financial
records.
HHS needs to be much more transparent with the public who mistakenly thinks
HHS is truthful about what is happening to animals.
This bill is all about making more money & certainly not about helping animals.

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RE: Opposition to Bill 59

January 20, 2020

Dear Sir or Madame,

KAT Charities would like to encourage council members to vote NO on Bill 59. As Executive Director and a Pediatric Neuropsychologist I am in opposition of this bill for numerous reasons. By reducing the holding time for owned animals from 9 days down to 5 days, this drastically reduces the opportunity for an owner to be reunited with their pet. If the owner is away on a vacation, has an unworking telephone number, a full voicemail or not current information the chances of reunification are drastically reduced with a lower hold time.

HHS already euthanizes stray animals (those without ID) after only 48 hours. This bill is looking to target animals that are specifically lost pets, this bill does not allow “more time” it shortens the time a pet has to reunify. “Length of Stay” (LOS) does play a factor in shelter management and has implications on animal health, well-being, shelter costs, and ultimately a shelter’s capacity to save lives. But reducing LOS is only effective in saving lives IF the shelter already has a low euthanasia rate or “Live Release Rate.” Shortening LOS should NEVER be used to hasten euthanasia and that is what Bill 59 will do if passed.

Shelters with high euthanasia rates over 50% including the Hawaiian Humane Society mean MORE animals are dying than being placed up for adoption. So attempts to reduce LOS through Bill 59 only impacts their bottom line costs for sheltering animals that are ultimately going to be euthanized because they won’t have to keep them alive longer than they have to.

Bill 59 will increase the animal’s chance of facing euthanasia, HHS already euthanizes more animals than they save, this bill will only increase the swiftness of the animals almost certain death. I can’t imagine the sadness and horror owners would feel after finding out their beloved pet was killed in a shorter amount of time. As a mental health professional, this has long reaching mental health impact as well. Humans have close, meaningful bonds with their pets, when tragedy happens such as a pet getting lost, we hope to look to the HHS as a sanctuary of hope and reunification, but Bill 59 will ultimately end up creating sadness, breakdowns and heartbreak.

It is disingenuous of HHS to testify that their proposal to shorten LOS is out of concern for the animal's stress and overall health. Those animals have a greater chance of being euthanized than being placed up for adoption. Hastening their death doesn't do them – or their owners – any favors.

And their proposal ONLY addresses the population of owned animals in quarantine after admissions. They have failed to address the many other factors and stressors placed on animals aside from LOS that collectively contribute to the deterioration of an animals' health. They have cherry picked the most convenient argument to justify their proposal.

Best practices in shelters across the United States implement a variety of policies and processes to reduce stress on animals arriving at the shelter at pre-admissions, admissions, quarantine period (which is what Bill 59 is targeting), pre-adoption, and finally adoption phases. Each stage has LOS implications and reducing the time between each phase is a factor in overall animal health.

Confinement-related stress and behavioral disorders arising from quarantine must be addressed systemically and include opportunities for interaction and environmental enrichment. The HHS fails to even provide these simple solutions as a first course of action to ensuring the health and welfare of animals. Instead, they erroneously suggest that shortening LOS is the panacea to healthier outcomes.

HHS has proposed a "solution" which is intended to save them the most money. It's a non-systemic decision made in a silo without concern for the many other factors affect animal health. It has nothing to do with saving lives. Community partnerships with other non-profits and animal health organizations have tried countless times to partner and support HHS, only to have them "drop the ball". We need real answers, real action and real solutions to help save these animals lives.

HHS needs to address their high euthanasia rate BEFORE proposing policies that result in only killing more animals than they already do.

I can be reached by cell at 808-228-6224.

Cooperatively,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Tyson" followed by a stylized flourish.

Dr. Karen Tyson
Founder and Executive Director
KAT Charities

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I am writing in strong support of Bill 59, CD2 proposed.

I have worked in animal shelters for more than 10 years. Prior to coming to the Hawaiian Humane Society, I worked at a large nationally regarded open-admissions animal shelter in Denver, CO. Part of the reason that I endorse this bill is that the hold period for animals at my previous employer was 5 days and I witnessed first-hand that it works.

I fully understand that Honolulu and Denver are different communities, but Hawaii is the only state that I know of with a 9-day hold for microchipped animals. Most states have a 3-5 day hold. Nearly 90% of stray animals with ID that come into the care of Hawaiian Humane are already returned to owner or are returned within 5 days. Decreasing mandatory hold times from 9 to 5 days will encourage pet owners to reclaim their animals more quickly and this will benefit all of the animals in our care.

We do our best to alleviate stressors in our shelter – we feed high quality food, practice high quality medicine, teach low-stress animal handling techniques to staff, and are continually implementing new animal enrichment measures. Despite this, any animal shelter is a stressful place for animals. Stress creates a physiologic response within the animal's body that makes them more susceptible to illnesses and infections. When animals are sick, we are unable to adopt them out so we treat with antibiotics and other drugs to restore health. For this reason, we often hold animals well past their 9 day hold period to treat their illnesses.

The 9-day minimum hold time also delays our ability to provide needed care. Since we do not "own" the animal until after the legal hold has expired, we are restricted to providing minimally invasive services such as pain relief and antibiotics. We cannot, for example, operate to address injuries. In short, longer minimum hold times lead to delayed care and more stress, which leads to more illness, which then leads to even longer hold times. If the hold time was 5 days instead of 9 days, we would be able to decrease the amount of illnesses our animals experience and increase the quality of care that all of our animals receive.

I have chosen to dedicate my life to shelter animals, to be able to provide a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. It is with this in mind that I wholeheartedly support Bill 59, CD2 proposed.

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Bill 59 CD 2
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Please support Bill 59 CD 2. It's my understanding that this bill will help the Hawaiian Humane Society increase permanent identification of pets thereby improving efficiency in returning lost pets to their owners; make animals available for adoption more quickly; and treat illness and reduce distress of shelter animals more quickly. All of these actions would increase resources for intensive care and rehabilitation. Mahalo.

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Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

Please do not pass Bill 59. It will shorten the lives of many pets. These animals should be provided a decent chance of being reunited with their owners and/or being adopted out to a good home. For most of us, our pets are a huge part of our family. We love them dearly. To cut the number of days down is not enough time for owners to try and find their pets. Our work schedule can also impact when we can come down to the HHS to look for our pet. Most of us will wait a few days or more to report to the HHS that our pet missing in hopes that we would find them or they would come home in a day or two. I have also checked the HHS and done pets are in custody, but photos of the animal is not posted until later, due to timing I'm told or the photo does not show the animals face clearly. The focus should actually be on people abandoning their animals. There should be stricter laws to help lessen over crowding due to abandonment. Please do not pass this bill!

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Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I have worked with feral and domestic cats for decades. I took care of the colony behind the Department of Health until the colony was gone, fixing all of the cats, finding homes for adoptable cats, and caring for the rest of the cats until they died off naturally. I also worked as a researcher and drafter with the Legislature for many years.

While I support most of this bill, there are a few points I'd like to make:

Written Testimony

1. I'm uncertain about why the hold time for cats should be lowered from nine days to five days. It would seem that the longer the cat has to be tamed, rescued, etc., the better it is for the cat. I realize they are in a difficult situation while being held but I've worked with many cats that calm down quickly once they have a little trust and that they know they are being treated well.
2. On page 8 of the CD2, the amendments to section 7-6.5(b) are inconsistent. The second sentence says that the cat [shall] must be held for [nine] five days but it does not provide for the owner to take the cat back prior to the five day hold.
3. In subsections (b), (c), and (d), the list of steps (1), (2), and (3) that animal control must take does not state that these steps need to be taken in order. It needs to provide that only if the first two choices cannot be met and the cat cannot be rehomed, then euthanization may be considered. It would be wrong and cruel to euthanize a cat without considering returning the cat to the person who turned the cat in or offering the cat for adoption first.
4. I also suggest that the language of subsection 7-6.5(b) be clarified so that the cat can be

returned to the owner during the five day holding period:

“The cat shall be held by the animal control contractor for not less than [nine] five days, after which time, if the owner of the cat has not been found, the animal control contractor may [return]: ...”

A couple of minor points:

1. On page 8, sec. 7-6.5(b) I think that the change from “shall” to “must” is unnecessary. I’ve worked on the Hawaii Revised Statutes and “shall” means the same as “must” but only “shall” is used. Perhaps the Ordinances use the words differently but, if they use them similarly to the Statutes, this change should be dropped.

2. Should the amendment to the definition of “identification” be amended to change “or” to “and”? If the change as drafted in the CD2 is accepted, it could be read to require both means of identification for a cat. To prevent this, perhaps the first part of the definition could be amended to read:

“‘Identification’ means either or both:”

This would allow for either type of identification or for both types.

Thank you for considering this bill which will hopefully help numerous cats on Oahu.

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improving the quality of lives of pets and their people.

Testimony from Alicia Maluafiti, President, Poi Dogs & Popoki

Proposing Amendments to Bill 59 – Relating to Animals
Honolulu City Council Committee on Parks, Community Services and Intergovernmental Affairs
Tuesday, January 21, 9 am

Aloha Chair Tsuneyoshi and Members of the Committee,

I am the Volunteer Board President of Poi Dogs & Popoki (PDP) and a former Director at the Hawaiian Humane Society. I have been rescuing animals for over 30 years. PDP appreciates Council Member Kobayashi for introducing Bill 59 and supports the proposed amendments regarding the microchip identification mandate.

A Strategic Approach to Changes in Animal Control Ordinance

PDP has requested an audit for years. Before rushing forward with a “band-aid approach” to modifying the animal control ordinance, it is your fiduciary duty to make sure that tax-payer dollars paid to the Hawaiian Humane Society are being used responsibly. And remember – intake of animals at HHS has decreased year after year for 10 years from 2007 to 2017. After PDP disclosed to the City Council that HHS intake numbers were decreasing – due to microchip technology, social media, more affordable spay/neuter opportunities, and an increase in groups rescuing animals – the HHS surprisingly reported an INCREASE in their intake numbers! How convenient and misleading. If they are less than accurate on reporting their intake numbers to the City, then an audit will identify the trends and areas for improvement BEFORE the tax payers get stuck with a higher bill. Therefore, PDP does not support the proposed committee draft relating to length of stay or increase in boarding fees. **Do not make any more changes in the animal control ordinance until you perform an audit of the contract.**

Reducing Length of Stay (LOS) Means More Animal Die

PDP is opposed to reducing the holding time for owned animals from 9 days to 5 days which is language proposed by the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) in Bill 59. HHS already euthanizes stray animals (those without ID) after 48 hours. Their proposal specifically targets lost pets of owners that are waiting to be reclaimed. To deny the opportunity to save a life and return pets to their owners is immoral and inhumane.

LOS does play a factor in shelter management and has implications on animal health, well-being, shelter costs, and ultimately a shelter’s capacity to save lives. But reducing LOS is only effective in saving lives IF the shelter already has a low euthanasia rate or “Live Release Rate.” Shortening LOS should NEVER be used to hasten euthanasia and that is what Bill 59 will do if passed. Shelters with high euthanasia rates over 50% including the Hawaiian Humane Society mean MORE animals are dying than being placed up for adoption.

Attempts to reduce LOS through Bill 59 only impact their bottom line costs for sheltering animals that are ultimately going to be euthanized because they won’t have to keep them alive longer than they have to. It is disingenuous of HHS to testify that their proposal to shorten LOS is out of concern for the animal’s stress and overall health. Those animals have a greater chance of being euthanized than being placed up for adoption. Hastening their death doesn’t do them – or their owners – any favors.

And their proposal ONLY addresses the population of owned animals in quarantine after admissions. They have failed to address the many other factors and stressors placed on animals aside from LOS that collectively contribute to the deterioration of an animals' health. They have cherry picked the most convenient argument to justify their proposal.

Best practices in shelters across the United States implement a variety of policies and processes to reduce stress on animals arriving at the shelter at pre-admissions, admissions, quarantine period (which is what Bill 59 is targeting), pre-adoption, and finally adoption phases. Each stage has LOS implications and reducing the time within each phase is a factor in overall animal health. Confinement-related stress and behavioral disorders arising from quarantine must be addressed systemically and include opportunities for interaction and environmental enrichment. The HHS fails to even provide these simple solutions as a first course of action to ensuring the health and welfare of animals. Instead they immediately offer shortening LOS as the panacea to healthier outcomes and while failing to acknowledge that euthanasia is the likely outcome.

HHS has proposed a "solution" which is intended to save them the most money. It's a decision made in a silo without concern for the many other factors affect animal health. It has nothing to do with saving lives. HHS needs to address their high euthanasia rate BEFORE proposing policies that result in only killing more animals than they already do. Bill 58 is not about doing better for animals. It's about doing better for their bottom line.

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Your position on the matter Support
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
Testimony

It should be a simple matter to see how the Humane society could help more animals if these provisions are made law. In addition owners must be required to accept responsibility for their pets because it is evident that many do not realize what that means. The facts presented by the Humane Society are compelling. I am a foster parent to cats and kittens and I know how many animals I help save who might have been euthanized in former times. The employees and the volunteers are dedicated to the wellbeing of all animals. Trust them.

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Dear Honolulu City Council Committee,

Written
Testimony

I propose amendments to Bill 59, particularly to Sec. 7-6.5 (d) which would decrease hold time and increase impoundment fee. Feral cats NEVER get placed for adoption. They are feral and not pets, so that means a death sentence. Community cats or feral cats compose a BIG percentage of animals that die at the Hawaiian Humane Society (HHS) every year. So how exactly is this bill aiming at helping animals? All this means, is that these helpless animals will die faster and community cat caregivers and citizens being proactive and spaying/neutering homeless cats to help reduce the homeless cat population will be punished with heavy fees. I am a strong advocate for TNR(trap-neuter-return) and have assisted in trapping and sterilizing over 700 cats to reduce cat overpopulation on Oahu. Many of these cats are re-trapped and turned into HHS. The money for supplies and sterilization comes out of pocket as does gas money to transport cats back to their original location once reclaimed. Unfortunately, many times I cannot get down to town within 24 hours, so I will be facing these heavy fines out of my own pocket as well. Yes, heavy. If I get charged \$10 per holding for a day, that could cover 2 cat sterilization surgeries. A two day holding charge of \$20, is the equivalent of 4 sterilization surgeries, and the maximum holding charge of \$50 is equal to 10 sterilizations. If I do not have the money to pay at that time, an innocent animal dies. I am just a small part in the rescue community. There is thousands of other individual people and organizations that have community cats registered to them whom will be facing the same dilemma. HHS should be focusing on saving more more lives and implementing a stronger TNR program not punishing caring rescuers and killing more cats. HHS NEEDS to

be privately audited until then the senseless killing will continue on taxpayer's dime. I urge you to saves lives and NOT pass this bill as is.

Very Respectfully,
Sandra Torrecillas

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Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Please do not pass Bill 59. Holding period for found dogs should not be shortened from 9 days to 5. The pet should be given the chance as possible to get home to it's owners rather than beinf euthanized as quickly as possible.

Microchipping should be an owners choice, not something mandatory.

Written Testimony It is rediculous to say that anyone under 18yrs of age cannot walk their own dog. A very lot of dogs rely on their teen and preteen family members for their daily exercise. Many kids come home after school and walk the dog as parents may not be home from work for several more hours. Without the ability to legally do so, the dog may have to be cooped up longer, unable to get sufficient exercise on a daily basis.

This bill takes away people's rights and will not benefit pets in any way.

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Chair Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Vice Chair Ann Kobayashi and Members of the
Committee on Parks, Community Services and Intergovernmental Affairs
Testimony in support of Bill 59, CD2 Proposed, amending the Licensing and Impounding
Ordinance

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020
9 a.m., Committee Meeting Room

Aloha Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Council members. As a former Honolulu Police Officer and now Field Services manager with the Hawaiian Humane Society, I strongly support Bill 59, CD2 proposed. This measure seeks to strengthen Chapter 7 Animals and Fowl through mandating the use of microchips, reducing hold periods, imposing penalties for frequent strays, and increasing hold fees that align with increase costs of care and other jurisdictions.

Whenever any animal runs stray or "at large," there exists a greater threat to the safety of our community as well as our pets. I have seen firsthand pets being struck by vehicles and injuries caused by dogs that are allowed to run freely or are not kept under the control of an owner. Not only is this devastating to witness, but also painful for the pet owners and victims.

Licensing via microchip has proven more effective in many jurisdictions and is a permanent method of proving ownership, unlike current tags that are rarely on a dog when found stray. This would also help in returning pets to their owners more quickly with the least amount of stress to the animal.

Strengthening the impound laws for repeat offenders and requiring sterilization would also proactively reduce animal overpopulation, which is a problem facing our City.

As part of a society that has compassion for animals and people, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safety of our community and animals. I urge you to pass this bill, which updates the animal ordinance to accomplish this goal and to make a dated law more effective.

Mahalo for considering my testimony.

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Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

Please see previous testimony submitted for this bill. Authority should not be given to animal control officers to perform medical procedures, regardless of how minor they may seem, to another person's animal.

We have seen time and time again our own humane society demanding lawmakers to prohibit or restrict animal sales, limiting pet ownership, or requiring sterilization of our pets. This bill is simply a step in that same direction.

Written Testimony

The public advocacy officer for the Hawaii Humane Society said at the last hearing for this bill, that they had a reputation in the community that instilled a lack of trust with pet owners, and that they intended to correct that moving forward. Forcing microchipping and threatening to sterilize an owner's pet if found by them does not do alot to help winning back that trust.

I ask that you ammend this bill, remove all mandatory medical procedures where the pet's owners are known. Re-introduce bill 59 with a focus on educating the public on the benefits of microchipping, and let your consituants decide if its right for them.

Respectfully,

Ricky Baker

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Agenda Item City and County Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

My testimony for City and County Bill 59.

Implantation of a microchip is a medical procedure. Only the owner should be allowed to make medical decisions for their pet. This should not be forced upon us and our animals.

The age limit for those allowed to walk a dog and the leash length requirements are ridiculous. Just because a person is under 18 does not make them incapable. Banning them from walking their pets is unnecessary and will loose minors their jobs and may likely limit the amount of exercise a pet is able to get when adults arent home. Leash length is irrelevant. Safety does not have to do with leash length but with handling. We already have laws that deal with recklessness.

Cutting back on time pets are kept in shelters before euthanasia will help no one. It certainly will hurt the animals and many devastated owners. There are many reasons a person might not make it to their pet by the cutoff. Regardless of the situation do we really want to kill animals if they could be reunited with their family? All for the sake of freeing up kennels a few days earlier. That is devastating.

Thank you for reading,
Brandy Baker

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Organization
Organization Pacific Pet Alliance
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Testimony in Opposition of Honolulu City Council Bill 59
Members of the Honolulu City Council:

The Pacific Pet Alliance is a Hawaii based non-profit that focuses on promoting animal welfare through education. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Bill 59.

The Pacific Pet Alliance continues to find Bill 59 unclear or in need of further discussion in its present form inspite of the proposed amendments.

Written Testimony

- Bill 59 calls for mandatory microchipping. The Cat Fanciers Association's position is in opposition of mandatory microchipping. "CFA supports voluntary microchipping but there are too many opportunities for failure to support mandatory microchipping. At every step of the process there are opportunities for missteps including operator error in the scan, chip failure or migration, multiple chips, universal scanners that aren't really universal, failure to update information, registries that may come and go, and the various health issues that have been reported with the chips to name a few. The decision to microchip should be an individual one made between the client and their veterinarian." The Pacific Pet Alliance supports this position.

- Bill 59 eliminates the biannual licensing of dogs and cats in favor of microchipping the animal. There appear to be penalties for not complying with law however are we to assume that there are no registration fees associated with this process? How does this process generate revenue to pay for City animal control services?

- CFA also points out other issues such as trying to use microchip registration as a substitute for licensing (requiring registration with the animal control contractor) or using microchip information as a rebuttable presumption of ownership (this in the dog owner definition but not the cat owner definition). Some of the issues of mandatory microchipping apply to this as well but attempting to make microchip registration their licensing program reflects a lack of understanding about the myriad of ways registration can be used. Some breeders require their contact information be primary on the registration with the owner as the alternate. There can also be multiple registrations on the same microchip. For example, someone adopted a dog that had a microchip. The prior owner was not around to authorize the change of owner information with the registering database. The American Animal Hospital Association (AHAA) has a microchip lookup tool. The AHAA microchip lookup tool also identifies the most recent registration information or update however many companies do not participate in the AHAA microchip lookup tool. Excerpt from page 2 of Bill 59:

- o Sec. 7-_.3 Microchip identification.

- o (a) An owner shall have a microchip implanted in the owner's dog and the owner shall register the microchip number and the owner's contact information with a microchip registration company and the animal control contractor.

- o (b) When the contact information of the owner of a dog changes, the owner shall provide the new contact information to a microchip registration company and the animal control contractor no later than 30 days after the change of owner contact information occurs.

- o (c) When the owner of a dog changes:

- o (1) The former owner must inform the new owner which microchip registration company the dog's microchip is registered with; and

- o (2) The new owner shall provide the microchip registration company and the animal control contractor with the new owner's contact information no later than 30 days after the change of ownership occurs.

- o (d) All stray dogs taken into custody by an animal control contractor or a non-profit animal rescue organization, unless already identified by a microchip, must be implanted with a microchip by the animal control contractor or the non-profit animal rescue organization.

- There are also some shelters and rescue organizations in Hawaii that chip the animals they adopt out but they choose not to change the registrant information. Or people keep a pet they found on the street, choosing not to contact the person who has registered the chip. "Just as writing my name in a jacket I found at a park doesn't make me the owner of the jacket, all a microchip registration does is show that at some point the microchipped animal was in my possession, not that I ever legally owned it. A microchip registration is evidence of ownership, not proof of ownership."

- For additional information please refer to the Cat Fanciers Association's analysis of Biil 59: <https://cfalegislativgroup.wordpress.com/2019/11/15/legislation-whats-hot-mandatory-microchipping-law-development-the-proposed-honolulu-hawaii-ordinance/>

- Bill 59 also brings up many questions and concerns regarding recent animal cruelty cases.

- o In 2017 K9 Kokua introduced "Hope's Law" in the Hawaii State Legislature. Their goal was to hold the registered owner of the microchip responsible for abuse and cruelty suffered by "Hope" the dog. In Hope's case, she had been sold and the microchip was not transferred to the new owner. This bill did not pass.

- o In 2017 "Tulip" the terrier was the subject of an animal abuse case. The owner of the microchip/breeder of the dog was contacted when she was brought into Hawaiian Humane Society suffering from injuries that were inflicted on her. The owner of chip had sold her to a military family and they in turn sold her to another person. Her abuser was finally convicted of abuse in 2018. The owner of the chip/breeder was denied having the dog returned to them even though they offered to assume all responsibility for her veterinary expenses because they no longer "owned the dog", she had been "sold". Bill 59 also makes allowances for ownership

of a chipped animal that resides at another location. How is all of this enforceable?

- Amendments to Bill 59 lowers the minimum age that dogs and cats should be microchipped to 3 months. Under the current law, only animals over the age 4 months are required to be licensed. Animals under the age of 4 months are not counted in the pet limit laws already in effect. Clarification of this section is needed as it could negatively impact pet shops and cat and dog breeders.

- Supporters of Bill 59 state that this bill will help to reunite pets with their owners sooner. According to an ASPCA survey (How Many Pets are Lost? How Many Find Their Way Home? ASPCA Survey Has Answers, June 28, 2012), only 6% of dog owners and 2% of cat owners found their lost pets at a shelter. For dog owners, the survey found "Forty-nine percent of dog guardians found their dog by searching the neighborhood, and 15 percent of the dogs were recovered because they were wearing an ID tag or had a micro-chip." For cat owners: "Fifty-nine percent of cat guardians found their cat because it returned home on its own; 30 percent found their cat by searching the neighborhood".

- California recently vetoed a bill requiring mandatory microchipping of animals. Here is their Governor's rationale for do so: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/SB-64-Veto-Message.pdf>

- HRS states state an animal with a license tag has up to 9 days in which to claim their dog. Why is there a different standard proposed for dogs who are microchipped? It would seem reasonable to utilize the current State law and have one process for both microchipped and licensed dogs. There is also a problem with animal control staff being able to correctly identify dog breeds. With only 1 shelter in town, decreasing the hold time negatively impacts people without private transportation or computer access an opportunity to claim their pets.

- o §143-10 Stray dogs. Every person who takes into the person's possession any stray dog shall immediately notify the animal control officer and release the dog to the animal control officer upon demand. If there is attached to the dog a license tag for the then current year, the animal control officer shall notify in writing the person to whom the license was issued, at the address given in the license certificate, and, upon demand made within twenty-four hours thereafter and without charge, shall release the dog to the person. If no person lawfully entitled to the dog, within nine days after the date of giving the notice, shall claim the dog, the dog may be sold or destroyed by the animal control officer in the manner provided in section 143-8 for unlicensed dogs. [L 1941, c 268, §9; RL 1945, §7159; RL 1955, §156-10; HRS §143-10; am L 1983, c 227, §7; gen ch 1985]

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Another amendment to Bill 59 would make it illegal for a minor under 18 to walk a dog in public.

For these reasons, the Pacific Pet Alliance is unable to support this bill and we respectfully request that this bill not be passed.

Lynn Muramaru

Board Member

Pacific Pet Alliance

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Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I vehemently oppose bill 59 to euthanize and give the Humane Society the right to euthanize animals in a reduction to 5 days in the shelter.

If one of the transparency goals of the Hawaiian Humane Society is to place all eligible animals up for adoption or foster care. Eligible includes all animals that fit into wellness care, loving homes, or senior dogs that have been abandoned by their owners. It makes no sense to euthanize these animals that truly deserve a second chance at life to be loved and cared for.

Written Testimony This bill will reduce the animals chances to make it out for adoption.

If this bill is passed it makes no sense of the Hawaiian Humane Society trying to do what is right in the best interest and welfare of animals.

I have read that the Hawaiian Humane Society supports this bill and has already hired a transition person to manage the 5 day euthanasia. Due to this circumstance I have stopped all my donations to them.

This contradicts their mission and philosophy of being humane to the welfare of animals.

I strongly recommend and urge all the members of the council not to pass this bill.
This would enable the shelters to euthanize 7 out of 10 animals per Poi and Poopoki Dogs.

Please Oppose this bill.

I would like to know your results.

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Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

I oppose the language in Bill 59 that reduces the holding time for animals with identification from 9 days to 5 days. Please amend Bill 59 to keep the holding time as 9 days.

Written Testimony

I participate in TNRM (trap-neuter-release-management) of community cats and know of some people who TNR and have cats microchipped under them already left the island. If these people get a call from HHS on a cat they TNR'ed that was trapped/surrendered, they need more time to find people to help get the cat out of HHS. Five days is just too short considering there's sometimes delay on HHS's part in contacting the owners.

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of a chipped animal that resides at another location. How is all of this enforceable?

- Amendments to Bill 59 lowers the minimum age that dogs and cats should be microchipped to 3 months. Under the current law, only animals over the age 4 months are required to be licensed. Animals under the age of 4 months are not counted in the pet limit laws already in effect. Clarification of this section is needed as it could negatively impact pet shops and cat and dog breeders.

- Supporters of Bill 59 state that this bill will help to reunite pets with their owners sooner. According to an ASPCA survey (How Many Pets are Lost? How Many Find Their Way Home? ASPCA Survey Has Answers, June 28, 2012), only 6% of dog owners and 2% of cat owners found their lost pets at a shelter. For dog owners, the survey found "Forty-nine percent of dog guardians found their dog by searching the neighborhood, and 15 percent of the dogs were recovered because they were wearing an ID tag or had a micro-chip." For cat owners: "Fifty-nine percent of cat guardians found their cat because it returned home on its own; 30 percent found their cat by searching the neighborhood".

- California recently vetoed a bill requiring mandatory microchipping of animals. Here is their Governor's rationale for do so: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/SB-64-Veto-Message.pdf>

- HRS states state an animal with a license tag has up to 9 days in which to claim their dog. Why is there a different standard proposed for dogs who are microchipped? It would seem reasonable to utilize the current State law and have one process for both microchipped and licensed dogs. There is also a problem with animal control staff being able to correctly identify dog breeds. With only 1 shelter in town, decreasing the hold time negatively impacts people without private transportation or computer access an opportunity to claim their pets.

- o §143-10 Stray dogs. Every person who takes into the person's possession any stray dog shall immediately notify the animal control officer and release the dog to the animal control officer upon demand. If there is attached to the dog a license tag for the then current year, the animal control officer shall notify in writing the person to whom the license was issued, at the address given in the license certificate, and, upon demand made within twenty-four hours thereafter and without charge, shall release the dog to the person. If no person lawfully entitled to the dog, within nine days after the date of giving the notice, shall claim the dog, the dog may be sold or destroyed by the animal control officer in the manner provided in section 143-8 for unlicensed dogs. [L 1941, c 268, §9; RL 1945, §7159; RL 1955, §156-10; HRS §143-10; am L 1983, c 227, §7; gen ch 1985]

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Another amendment to Bill 59 would make it illegal for a minor under 18 to walk a dog in public.

For these reasons, the Pacific Pet Alliance is unable to support this bill and we respectfully request that this bill not be passed.

Lynn Muramaru

Board Member

Pacific Pet Alliance

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item Bill 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization

Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony I strongly oppose the verbiage in Bill 59 which is trying to reduce the holding period from 9 days down to only 5 days.

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Council/PH Committee	Parks
Agenda Item	BILL 59
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	I oppose the language in Bill 59 that reduces the holding time from 9 days to 5 days.
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Agenda Item	Bill 59
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	I oppose Bill 59, because it will statistically cause more loss of life.
	It should NOT be passed!
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Council/PH Committee	Parks
Agenda Item	Bill 59
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	Please oppose Bill 59.
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Council/PH Committee	Parks
Agenda Item	Bill 59
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Organization
Organization	Fur-Angel Foundation
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
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Council/PH Committee	Parks
Agenda Item	Bill 59
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing	Self
Organization	
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	
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Chair Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Vice Chair Ann Kobayashi and Members of the
Committee on Parks, Community Services and Intergovernmental Affairs
Testimony in support of Bill 59, CD2 Proposed, Relating to Animals
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020
9 a.m., Committee Meeting Room

I am writing in strong support of Bill 59, CD2 Proposed, Relating to Animals, which would modernize our approach to pet identification and improve outcomes for animals.

As a local veterinarian, I want to speak in particular to the mandatory microchipping requirement and the safety and effectiveness of electronic microchip identification in animals.

I have implanted thousands of chips over the course of my career and I have never had any issues. There is no evidence to support claims that the procedure is "risky." Microchipping is routinely done in veterinary clinics, by nonprofits like the Society and even at community events. Microchips are permanent, only the information attached to them has to be updated if ownership changes or the animal and its family moves.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), American Animal Hospital Association and World Small Animal Veterinary Medical Association are among the groups that endorse the use of electronic microchip identification in animals.

Furthermore, chipping is much more effective than dog tags in returning lost pets. Mainland counties that have switched to microchipping have seen compliance improve and return-to-owner rates for lost pets increase dramatically, doubling and tripling in some cases.

Most microchip manufacturers offer a free option for registering and updating microchip information and <https://www.foundanimals.org/> will register any microchip for free, so there should be no cost barrier to keeping a pet owner's contact information current.

Hawaii already enjoys a higher return to owner rate than the national average. In fact, Hawaiian Humane's RTO rates are 47% for dogs and 11% for cats, more than three times higher than those reported by PetPoint's national shelter statistics for 2018, which were 15.5% for dogs and 3.1% for cats. It is my hope that these changes will raise those numbers even further.

I urge you to pass Bill 59, CD2, to keep our pet animals safe.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this important measure.

Dr. Eric Ako, DVM

Veterinarian, Hawaii Kai Veterinary Clinic, member and past president of the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association, past chair of the Board of Veterinary Examiners

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Council/PH Committee Parks
Agenda Item 59
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
Organization
Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony

For the past year my husband and I have been a volunteer feeders of cats in Hawaii Kai. We work with a team of feeders and trappers to make sure the cats are TNRed and if sick taken to a vet. I started to help when my neighbor took my cats and dumped them without our permission. I searched for two months and met many kind people who use their own resources to help these cats. People dump in-door cats and kittens when moving to new rentals that won't accept pets or move off island and think cats are hunters and can survive on their own. This happens across the state. By limiting the number of days for chipped and unchipped cats turned into HHS you are encouraging people to dump or abandon these cats because they know HHS will euthanize healthy cats within a certain time. These abandoned cats often do not know how to hunt and suffer horrible deaths either through starvation, disease or horrible people who have tortured or intentionally killed these cats. I thought the mandate at HHS was to reunite lost animals with their owners? If you pass this bill it will not be possible if families are off island for vacation or if an outdoor community cat goes missing. The timing is cruel. Please vote no on this bill.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee	Parks
Agenda Item	59
Your position on the matter	Oppose
Representing Organization	Self
Do you wish to speak at the hearing?	No
Written Testimony	Unable to speak but if this passes it would be such a tragedy for animals. This is just another way to put them down quickly without giving folks time to find their beloved pets. Please do not pass this .
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Date: Jan. 21, 2020

To: Chair Heidi Tsuneyoshi
Vice Chair Ann Kobayashi
and Members of the Committee on Parks, Community Services and
Intergovernmental Affairs

Submitted By: Anna Neubauer, President and CEO
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Testimony in strong support of Bill 59, CD2 proposed, Relating to Animals
Wednesday, Jan. 21, 9 a.m., Committee Meeting Room

Aloha Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Council Members,

The Hawaiian Humane Society is in enthusiastic support of Bill 59, CD2 proposed, Relating to Animals. This measure represents the biggest advance in our county animal welfare laws in more than 20 years and it will help us save lives.

Bill 59, CD2 Proposed, has three main components:

Pet licensing

Dogs are required to be licensed on Oahu, but compliance is low. Cats are not licensed. This bill eliminates license tags in favor of mandatory microchipping for cats and dogs.

Hold times/fees

Impoundment rules for dogs and cats require the Hawaiian Humane Society to hold any pet with an ID for a minimum of nine days. This extended hold time predates modern communication, including cell phones and the Internet, and is far longer than the national average of three to five days. Extended stays in a shelter environment expose animals to stress and illness. The nine-day hold also delays the process of making abandoned pets available for adoption into new homes and reduces our capacity to care for other animals in need. This bill reduces the mandatory minimum hold for dogs and cats with identification to five days.

The current daily hold fee for stray animals is \$2.50. This bill would raise that rate to \$10, bringing it closer to the true cost of caring for each animal, which we conservatively estimate at \$12-\$15 a day. Hold fees in neighbor island counties range from \$10 to \$20 per day.

Routine strays

There are presently no penalties in our county ordinance for dogs who are frequently at large. While this represents a small number of animals, it is a particularly vulnerable and potentially dangerous population. This bill would address this issue in two ways that are designed to minimize the risks to animals and people, and encourage owners to keep their dogs safe:

- It requires the spay/neuter of any dog brought in as stray three times in a 12-month period. Frequent strays are at grave risk themselves of injury and death, and have an outsized impact on pet overpopulation, perceptions of public safety and the safety of other animals. Also, fertile dogs are more likely to stray. The mandatory spay/neuter of stray dogs is increasingly common around the country.
- It imposes an additional \$30 penalty for any dog impounded as stray three times or more in a 12-month period.

Some members of the community have expressed concerns that reducing the minimum hold time for stray pets with identification from nine days to five days might result in more animals being euthanized, but the goal of this measure is exactly the opposite.

Due to far greater connectivity than existed when the nine-day hold was implemented more than 30 years ago, stray animals are typically reclaimed by their owners very quickly. In FY 2019 more than 70% of animals with ID were reclaimed by their owners within 48 hours and nearly 90% were reclaimed within five days. Reducing the minimum hold time to five days will encourage the balance of pet owners to reclaim their animals more quickly. This measure is designed to increase the adoption rate and reduce the euthanasia rate by minimizing exposure to illness and stress, making animals who have been abandoned available for adoption more quickly, and freeing up resources for intensive care and rehabilitation.

Many people in our community are unaware that the care we can provide during the minimum hold period is limited because we are not yet the animals' legal owner. A recent case involved a dog who came in with a badly fractured back leg. During the hold period, our veterinary services team was only able to treat her pain. As soon as the hold expired, with no owner coming forward, our chief veterinarian was able to amputate Annie's leg. She recovered beautifully and found her new family soon after being made available at our adoption center. Bill 59 will allow us to help animals like Annie more quickly.

Finally, Bill 59, CD2 proposed, only reduces the minimum hold time. The Hawaiian Humane Society regularly cares for animals for longer than the legal minimums when it is in the animal's best interests that we do so.

We urge you to pass this comprehensive update to our county animal ordinance, which will allow more animals to be reunited with their families, help animals who are not reclaimed find new families more quickly, and better protect both pets and people.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter. I am available for questions.

Chair Heidi Tsuneyoshi, Vice Chair Ann Kobayashi and Members of the
Committee on Parks, Community Services and Intergovernmental Affairs
Testimony in support of Bill 59, CD2 Proposed, Relating to Animals
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020
9 a.m., Committee Meeting Room

Dear Councilmembers, I am in strong support of Bill 59, CD2.

I have 12 years of experience as an employee of two large scale shelters, combined with 11 years of volunteer experience in animal shelters ranging from small to large. Based on those 23 years of shelter experience, I believe 2-5 day holding periods for stray animals have far more benefits than a 9 day hold.

Length of stay is a critical factor in shelter management. Length of stay has been identified as the most significant risk factor for illness within the United States in regards to shelter dogs and cats, and it has a direct impact on a shelter's ability to save lives. Illness brings about the need for treatment, reduction of welfare and an even more prolonged stay, resulting in an increase in euthanasia versus a decrease. The longer an animal is confined, the greater the demand for treatment to prevent confinement related stress and exacerbated behavioral disorders. Longer stays mean over-crowded shelters, reducing individual care for each animal.

Shelters have limited resources. Higher costs per animal mean less money is available to invest in preventative programs such as enrichment, training and health services. These programs are key to setting up a homeless animal for success in a new home.

The belief that shortening the holding period to 5 days means hasty euthanasia decisions is misplaced. For an animal that is destined for euthanasia, be it for severe aggression or terminal illness, shortening the length of stay reduces stress and alleviates suffering. It also frees up resources for animals that have treatable medical conditions or behaviors that can be rehabilitated.

Prolonged holding periods decrease a shelter's ability to operate within their capacity for care. Achieving capacity for care means meeting the needs of every animal admitted to the shelter. Creating humane space allows the shelter to function at a level where every animal has the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare and staff are able to provide the best care for those animals. That is the goal of Bill 59, CD2. I urge you to pass this measure.

Jennifer LeMaster
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